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21	Coal R&D fund should be created whereby half of one percent of the turnover of all coal companies in the public and private sectors is deposited. CGRA could manage the funds.	The creation of R&D fund is agreed to. It is preferable that the proposed fund should be kept available with the industry instead of the Coal Regulatory Authority. In the present system the R&D activities are identified, monitored and funded through a Standing Scientific Research Committee (SSRC), which is chaired by Secretary (Coal).

Criminal cases and departmental enquiries in CIL

3404. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of criminal cases and departmental enquiries are pending against the officials working with the Coal India Limited as on the 31st October, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number and names of the officers suspended during the last three years and the time-frame within which generally the disciplinary committee submits a report and action is taken; and

(d) the details of such cases brought to the notice of Government where the officers have been falsely implicated and harassed and the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Tie up with global mining firms by CIL

3405. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has decided to have overseas tie up with several global mining firms to mine coal abroad and has floated an expression of interest for the same;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL's venture with foreign firms to mine coal blocks abroad is beneficial for Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?